Commonwealth Games 2010

556. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: WHI the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commonwealth Games management has expressed dissatisfaction over the ongoing preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2010 to be held in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is likely to adversely affect the image of India at international level, and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Criteria for selection of cricket players

† 557. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame guidelines regarding selection process of players in view of popularity of cricket in India and the recent controversies;

(b) whether these controversies have affected the morale of cricket players and image of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is the recognized National Sports Federation for cricket is a registered autonomous body. The selection of teams falls within their perview. The Government of India have no role to play in the selection process.

Regarding their selection process, BCCI have stated that they appoint a panel of selectors consisting of cricketers who have played for

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

India or who have played the game at the national level for a number of years. There is a separate panel for Junior and Senior groups. BCCI have further stated that the system is functioning well and that the selection of teams has not adversely affected the Indian team's performance.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2004-2005) of the Rajghat Samadhi Committee, New Delhi and related papers.

The Minister of Urban Development (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajghat Samadhi Committee, New Delhi, for the year 2004-2005, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Committee.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 3673/06]

Notification of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 10 of the National Highways Act, 1956, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (Department of Road Transport and Highways) Notification S.0.1725(E) dated the 6th December, 2005, amending Notification SO. 251(E) dated the 25th February, 2004, by substituting certain entries in the original Notification with regard to serial No. 34 AAB. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T 3694/06]

Report and Accounts (2004-2005) of the Civil Services Society, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS